In the Claims:

We claim:

1. A method of displaying information by a network kiosk comprising the steps of:

sensing a person within a predetermined distance of the kiosk;

displaying first information;

timing a time period; and

displaying second information if the person does not begin use of the kiosk within the time period.

2. A method of displaying information by a network kiosk comprising the steps of:

sensing a person within a predetermined distance of the kiosk;

displaying first information;

timing a time period; and

displaying second information if the person is no longer within the predetermined distance of the kiosk and the time period has expired.

3. A method of displaying information by a network kiosk comprising the steps of:

displaying first information;

sensing a person within a predetermined distance of the kiosk;

displaying second information;

timing a time period; and

displaying third information if the person is no longer within the predetermined distance of the kiosk and the time period has expired.

4. A method of displaying information by a network kiosk comprising the steps of:

displaying first information;

sensing a person within a predetermined distance of the kiosk;

determining second information for display;

displaying the second information;

timing a time period to wait for the person to operate the kiosk;

determining third information for display when the person is no longer within the predetermined distance of the kiosk and the time period has expired; and

displaying the third information.

5. A network kiosk comprising:

a display for displaying information;

a proximity sensor; and

a computer which senses a person within a predetermined distance of the kiosk, displays first information, times a time period, and displays second information if the person does not begin use of the kiosk within the time period.

6. A network kiosk comprising:

a display for displaying information;

a proximity sensor; and

a computer which senses a person within a predetermined distance of the kiosk, displays first information, times a time period, and displays second information if the person is no longer within the predetermined distance of the kiosk and the time period has expired.

7. The network kiosk as recited in claim 6, wherein the proximity sensor comprises an ambient light sensor which senses a drop in ambient light when the person is within the predetermined distance.